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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE UNITED STATES WAS REPORTED PREPARING TODAY TO RUSH TONS OF ARTILLERY SHELLS AND ANTITANK AMMUNITION TO ISRAEL TO AVERT THREATENED SHORTAGES AFTER LESS THAN A WEEK OF INTENSE BATTLES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN FORCES.

MEANWHILE, PENTAGON SOURCES SAID SOVIET TRANSPORT PLANES HAVE BEEN CARRYING REPLACEMENTS FOR WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO SYRIA AND EGYPT.

AT LEAST 80 SOVIET AN 12 CUB TRANSPORT PLANES WERE SAID TO HAVE REACHED SYRIA WITHIN THE PAST DAY LOADED WITH SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, ANTITANK ROCKETS AND OTHER WAR MATERIAL.

THE PENTAGON SOURCES SAID HURRIED U.S. SHIPMENTS WOULD BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE. THERE WERE INDICATIONS THE SHIPMENTS, PROBABLY IN ISRAELI PLANES, WOULD DEPART FROM REMOTE FIELDS IN THE UNITED STATES.

DECISIONS ON REPLACING ISRAEL'S SIGNIFICANT AIRCRAFT AND TANK LOSSES WERE DISCUSSED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICIALS SAID.

DEPUTY WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY GERALD L. WARREN REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT RESUPPLYING ISRAEL.

MEANWHILE, THE PRESS OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WAS REPORTEDLY FORCING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TO CANCEL A WEEKEND TRIP TO LONDON.

RESOURCES OF THE U.S. ARMY AND AIR FORCE WOULD BE TAPPED IF THE GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO SEND MAJOR MILITARY HARDWARE TO ISRAEL QUICKLY.

ONE PROPOSAL UNDER STUDY WOULD TRANSFER TO THE ISRAELIS F4 PHANTOM JETS FROM U.S. AIR FORCE SQUADRONS IN EUROPE. THE PLANES WOULD BE REPLACED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE INVENTORY BY AIRCRAFT BEING PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ISRAEL.

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EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN LOSSES IN ARMOR AND AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN HEAVY.

INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAID AS MANY AS 650 SYRIAN TANKS-- ABOUT HALF THE COUNTRY'S PREWAR ARMOR FORCE--HAD BEEN DESTROYED, ALONG WITH 85 AIRCRAFT, REPRESENTING ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF SYRIA'S AIR STRIKE FORCE.

EGYPT HAS LOST MORE THAN 80 AIRCRAFT, BUT ONLY ABOUT 47 WERE FIGHTERS. EGYPT SATARTED THE NEW ROUND OF WAR WITH MORE THAN 500 FIGHTER PLANES.

BECAUSE MOST OF THE GROUND FIGHTING HAS BEEN ON SYRIA'S GOLAN ENGHITHS, THE EGYPTIANS HAVE LOST ONLY ABOUT 200 TO 250 TANKS OUT OF THEIR FORCE OF ABOUT 2,000.

MANPOWER CASUALTY FIGURES SHOW THAT ISRAEL HAS SUFFERED BETWEEN 1,500 AND 2,000 DEAD AND WOUNDED AS AGAINST 5,000 TO 8,000 FOR EGYPT AND ABOUT 5,500 TO 6,000 FOR SYRIA.

IRAQ, WHICH ANNOUNCED ITS ENTRY INTO THE WAR ON WEDNESDAY, HAS LOST FOUR AIRPLANES.

ONE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTED BY U.S. INTELLIGENCE SUGGESTED THAT THE ISRAELI CAMPAIGN TO KNOCK OUT SOVIET-BUILT SURFACE-TO-IR MISSILES MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED. NO ISRAELI AIRPLANES WERE LOST TO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES EAST OF THE SINAI ON WEDNESDAY. IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR, SOVIET-MANUFACTURED (SA6) SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES TOOK HEAVY TOLL OF ISRAELI WARPLANES THAT WERE TRYING TO KNOCK THEM OUT. THI WAS THE FIRST ISRAELI COMBAT EXPERIENCE AGAINST THIS TYPE OF MISSILE, WHICH ARRIVED IN EGYPT AND SYRIA WITHIN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

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WASHINGTON, AP — When Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban conferred with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last Thursday about the troubled Middle East he referred to an Arab military buildup along the Suez Canal and the Golan Heights.

But Eban did not appear to be alarmed or even apprehensive as the two men talked in Kissinger's New York hotel suite. They agreed to meet again in November, after the Israeli elections, to search for a means toward a negotiated settlement with the Arabs.

Over the preceding several days, in fact, the United States had asked the Israelis whether they were certain that the buildup was a defensive mobilization. The reply, in effect, was "yes."

Suddenly, late Friday, the Israeli assessment underwent a radical reversal. The tipoff was a withdrawal of Russian technicians and dependents from Cairo and Damascus. Jerusalem was then certain that Egypt and Syria were primed to attack. State Department sources say there is good reason to believe that before the Russians pulled out they attempted to persuade Cairo to hold back.

If there was any doubt that Israeli intelligence was caught off guard analysts at the Pentagon point to two facts: the long time it took Israel to mobilize after the Arabs struck and the civilian losses in the settlements along the Golan Heights.

Had Israel been prepared the Army would have been ready to fight and the settlements made more secure, the analysts say. The United States makes no bones about it being taken by surprise as well.

"We were surprised, Israel was surprised," is the succinct way Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana put it to a reporter. Mansfield has been briefed by the White House. Less than 24 hours before the Arabs attacked, Kissinger was moving through a series of meetings with foreign ministers from Southeast Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

One of them was with Mohammed Hassan el-Zayyat of Egypt. Like Eban, he indicated that he would like to talk to Kissinger in November about the prospects for a negotiated settlement of Israel's dispute with the Arabs.

Senior U.S. officials are convinced that the Egyptian minister was not aware then of the attack to come so soon afterward.

Kissinger remained in New York to work on a broadly philosophic speech that emphasized U.S. relations with the Soviet Union. Joseph J. Sisco, the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, had a date to play golf.

Kissinger was concentrating his attention on Europe and the trip he was to make to London, Bonn and possibly Rome beginning this weekend, and on his sixth visit to China toward the end of the month.

A frantic alarm from the Israelis activated Washington at about 5 p.m. Friday. An urgent series of cables and telephone calls went out from the State Department to Eban, Zayyat, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, King Hussein of Jordan, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin, and others in a feverish eleventh-hour effort to avert the outbreak of hostilities.

At 6 a.m. Saturday word came to Kissinger in New York. Israel and the Arabs were at war.

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BY STEWART HENSLEY

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE UNITED STATES SO FAR IS SUPPLYING ONLY RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS OF ARMS TO ISRAEL AND WILL NOT STEP UP THE FLOW UNLESS IT APPEARS THE SOVIET UNION IS SENDING MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIES TO ARAB STATES, U.S. OFFICIALS SAY.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER WAS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID KISSINGER PROBABLY WOULD POSTPONE A PLANNED TRIP TO EUROPE THIS WEEKEND BECAUSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

HE HAD PLANNED TO GO TO LONDON AND POSSIBLY BONN TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO EUROPE LATER THIS YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER IWO JIMA, WITH ABOUT 1,800 MARINES ON BOARD, WILL HEAD FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN WITHIN THE NEXT "FEW DAYS," NAVY AND MARINE OFFICIALS AT NORFOLK, VA., AND CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., SAID THURSDAY. THE SHIP HAD BEEN SCHEDULED SAIL TO THE MEDITERRANEAN NEXT MONTH TO ROTATE WITH THE HELICOPTER CARRIER GUADALCANAL.

AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE INVOLVING THE IWO JIMA WAS CANCELED SO THE VESSEL COULD DEPART EARLY.

PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID WEAPONS LOSSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR HAVE BEEN HEAVY FOR ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED. THEY SAID THAT, GIVE OR TAKE A HUNDRED, THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS HAVE EACH LOST ABOUT 400 TANKS AND THE SYRIANS PERHAPS 600. THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO A FIFTH OF EGYPT'S ARMOR, A QUARTER OF ISRAEL'S AND HALF OF SYRIA'S.

SOURCES SAID ALL THREE COUNTRIES HAD ABOUT 80 TO 100 PLANES EACH. THAT WOULD COME TO ABOUT A SIXTH OF EGYPT'S AIRFLEET, A FIFTH OF ISRAEL'S AND A QUARTER OF SYRIA'S.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN AIRLIFTING ARMS TO EGYPT AND SYRIA AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS SENDING SOME ARMS TO ISRAEL. THEY INDICATED THIS COUNTRY WAS BASING THE MAGNITUDE OF ITS ARMS SUPPLY ON THAT OF THE SOVIETS.

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